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SUBJECT: SENIOR BANGLADESHI MILITARY OFFICERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Classified By: Ambassador James F. Moriarty. Reason 1.4 (b) and (d)

Officers Provide Biographies

[1](#)1. (U) The Asia Pacific Center for Strategic Studies sponsored a workshop on civil-military relations. Some of the senior military officers who attended the workshop provided brief biographies, which are included within this cable.

Director of National Security Intelligence

[1](#)2. (SBU) Brigadier General (BG) Mohd Mahabubul Hasan has been the Director of Internal Affairs at Bangladesh's National Security Intelligence since mid-February 2009. He received his commission in the Bangladesh Army on June 18, [1](#)1978. He holds a Masters of Defense Studies from National University. He is a graduate of Bangladesh's Defense Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC) and its National Defense College (NDC). Hasan commanded various Supply and Transport units throughout his Army career, including Director of Supply and Transport at Bangladesh Army Headquarters. Other military assignments included tours at the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI) and Military Intelligence.

Chief Instructor of the Armed Forces War Course

[1](#)3. (U) BG Sohel Ahmed is the Chief Instructor of the Armed Forces War Course (AFWC) wing of the National Defense College, Bangladesh. He received his commission in the Bangladesh Army on June 10, 1983. He holds a Masters of Defense Studies and a Master of War Studies from National University. He also obtained a Master of Business Administration from Royal Roads University, Canada and completed a Master of Philosophy on defense and Strategic Studies from the University of Madras, India. He is a graduate of DSCSC and the AFWC. Ahmed's is an alumnus of India's NDC, where he attended the National Defense Course. Ahmed participated in the United Nations peacekeeping mission (UNPKO) in Uganda and a UN peacekeeping exercise in Hawaii.

Director of Recruitment at Air Headquarters

[1](#)4. (U) Group Captain Rabiul Islam Sikder is the Director of Recruitment at Air Headquarters. He received his commission as a pilot in the Bangladesh Air Force on July 21, 1983. He served in Bosnia Herzegovina in 1993 as part of UNPROFOR. He

completed DSCSC in 1997 and in 2002 attended a staff course (NFI) in China. He is married, with a son and daughter. He is a keen golfer.

Director of Inspection and Technical Developments

15. (S) Brigadier General Latiful Haider received his Army commission on December 27, 1981. Haider had previously commended one artillery regiment and an artillery brigade. He also served as Brigade Major in an artillery brigade, as well as an infantry brigade. Haider taught at DSCSC and the School of Infantry and Tactics. His professional military training includes DSCSC, the Artillery School (NFI) Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Singapore's Command and Staff College. He participated in UNPKOs in Croatia and Sierra Leone. He is married and has two daughters. He hobbies include golf, readings, and traveling. (Comment: BG Haider is very positively disposed toward the US and would like to use his current position to get more US equipment for the Bangladesh Army. End Comment)

Deputy Director General of Ansar and Village Defense Party

16. (U) BG ABM Tayeful Islam was born in Barga in 1958. He passed his SSC and HSC at Rajshahi Cadet College and graduated from Victoria College in Comillia, Bangladesh. He earned an MBA from South East University, Dhaka. He received his commission in 1978 in the East Bengal Regiment. Since 1978, he served in various capacities including Platoon

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Commander at the Bangladesh military Academy. He commanded two infantry battalions, one while deployed to the Chittagong Hill Tracts. He has been Colonel Administration of Area HQs and served as Station Commander (Garrison Commander) in the Dhaka Cantonment. He completed two UNPKO tours, one as a military observer with UNPROFOR in 1993-94 and as the Contingent Commander in Liberia (UNMIL) in 2004-5. He is married with three daughters.

Director at Army Headquarters

17. (U) BG Md Wahidul Islam Talukder was commissioned into the Corps of Engineers in 1982. His tours of duty include assignments as a grade-2 and grade-1 staff officer at the Engineer Center, Army Headquarters, Military Training Directorate. He has commanded a military police unit (NFI), an engineer battalion, and the 14 Independent Engineer Brigade, located in Dhaka. He also served as Colonel Staff of Headquarters 55 Infantry Division. He studied civil engineering at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology. BG Wahid is also a graduate of Chittagong University, the DSCSC, and the AFWC. He UN service includes a tour with the UN Iraq Kuwait Observer mission (UNICOM) and as commander of the engineer contingent, BANENGR-5, in Eritrea-Ethiopia for UNMEE.
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